

At page 6, line 12, delete "Figure 9" and replace with --Figure 8A--.

At page 6, line 13, delete "Figure 10" and replace with --Figure 9--.

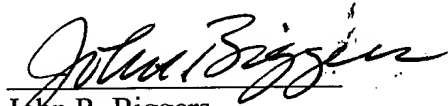
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends only the reference numbers of the figures as set forth in the drawing list on page 6 of the original specification, and adds no new material to the specification. Support for the amendments may be found in the specification as originally filed on August 22, 2000, for example, at page 20, lines 19-25 and page 21, lines 9-15, all of which clearly show that the drawings in the specification were and are always referred to in the specification by the drawing numbers as amended herewith. Also enclosed for convenient reference are copies of Figures 8A and 9 as originally submitted with the specification on August 22, 2000.

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